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The new course in East Germany resulted in a general stoppage of large-scale shipbuilding and had the following effects on shipyards and design offices:

a. The Neptunwerft (shipyard) in Rostock which had been scheduled to build a total of 64 freighters, each of 3,000 tdw, received orders to build only 41 ships:

b. The Warnowwerft in Warnemuende which had been scheduled to build 10 ore-carriers of 10,000 tdw has to build only one ore-carrier;

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c. The Dresden-Usbigau shipyard will construct only two of the 400-ton floating docks under construction. [redacted] these docks, which were designed to have a docking capacity of up to 600 tons, exceeded by about 200 tons the weight designed by the Soviets, so that buoyancy tanks had to be installed for docking 400-ton ships. [redacted] all Soviet calculations had proved incorrect.

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d. Most of the work undertaken at Schlaak's engineering office in Wolgast was stopped. Members of the design office at VEB Schiffbau in Berlin, who had been temporarily transferred to Wolgast, returned to Berlin.

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on the Peenswerft in Wolgast.

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f. The Yachtbauwerft (yachtbuilding yard) in Berlin-Koepenick stopped working on the six Schwalbe-type minesweeping pinnaces.

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